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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1342 crashes as compared to 1,288 crashes in October of 2006. The total crashes increased by 4% compared to October 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities decreased by 33%, this equates to 5 less fatal crashes in October 2007. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 6 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 59 commercial crashes investigated this month, none resulted in a fatality; 14 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 45 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.4% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.8% off all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 341 crash reports in October 2007. This resulted in 1568 crash reports being mailed out, 58 % less than last year during October. There were 930 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 2.3% when compared to October 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center logged 26,656 CAD incidents and 35,996 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 17% in October 2007, as compared to October 2006. DUI arrests from crashes increased by 27% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes decreased over 7% as compared to last year. DUI enforcement is up from last month.

The Commercial Enforcement Section decreased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 30%. The number of Safety Inspections increased by 39% compared to last year. This resulted in 90 vehicles and 65 drivers being placed "Out of Service". This decrease in hazardous moving enforcement is being addressed with the Commercial Enforcement Section.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October 07		October 06	% Change		September 07	% Change
Total crashes	1342		1288	4.2%		1189	12.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	996		959	3.9%		895	11.3%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	338		317	6.6%		287	17.8%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8		12	-33.3%		7	14.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	65		90	-27.8%		54	20.4%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	8		13	-38.5%		8	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		1	200.0%		2	50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		10	-80.0%		3	-33.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3		0	300.0%		3	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	59		63	-6.3%		54	9.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	45		50	-10.0%		44	2.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	14		11	27.3%		9	55.6%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 60%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.4%
- ✱ Total crashes up 4.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 6.3 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 33 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	October 07		October 06	% Change		September 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	65		90	-27.8%		54	20.4%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	189		205	-7.8%		180	5.0%
Other arrests	3061		958	219.5%		868	252.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	417		450	-7.3%		393	6.1%
Speed violations	4333		3780	14.6%		4399	-1.5%
Hazardous moving violations	2521		2738	-7.9%		2292	10.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	617		798	-22.7%		587	5.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	14278		12183	17.2%		11691	22.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	51		73	-30.1%		89	-42.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	161		166	-3.0%		241	-33.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1084		778	39.3%		834	30.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		2	-50.0%		1	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	443		341	29.9%		270	64.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1723		1712	0.6%		1425	20.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	90		105	-14.3%		77	16.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	65		54	20.4%		35	85.7%
Total school buses inspected	354		270	31.1%		278	27.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	37		42	-11.9%		19	94.7%
Total trucks weighed	3788		915	314.0%		125	2930.4%
Total overweight citations	31		50	-38.0%		49	-36.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	1125		755	49.0%		826	36.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		3	-66.7%		1	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			23		7
Safety Violations Citation			21		3
Safety Violations Repair Order			24		9
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			3		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			13		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.160%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ .5% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 2% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October 2007		September 2007	% Change		October 2006	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	269,040		245,102	9.8%		313,013	-14.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,074,239		775,927	38.4%		1,108,861	-3.1%
CAD Incidents	26,656		25,745	3.5%		26,998	-1.3%
Telephone Calls	35,996		35,144	2.4%		33,619	7.1%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	69		73	-5.5%		36	91.7%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,568		987	58.9%		1,429	9.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	341		406	-16.0%		413	-17.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	37		23	60.9%		16	131.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	173		104	66.3%		135	28.1%
Visitors at Counter	930		952	-2.3%		1,260	-26.2%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,792		3,764	53.9%		5,731	1.1%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	1,055		848	24.4%		365	189.0%
Warrants Entered	377		334	12.9%		411	-8.3%
Warrants Cleared	315		450	-30.0%		278	13.3%
Warrants Validated	1,946		1,808	7.6%		1,244	56.4%
Extradition / Transports	21		16	31.3%		12	75.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	46		46	0.0%		82	-43.9%
New Items Submitted	82		97	-15.5%		135	-39.3%
Items Disposed	57		18	216.7%		13	338.5%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 87% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 13 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 16 Contracts using 269 hours, billed in the amount of \$17,614.11

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1136	15	112	35	15

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
625	399	44	130	93	37

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Centennial H.S., Ober E.S., Komura Academy, Alder E.S., Arbor View H.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- Work with statewide consultant group / expansion of P.A.C.E. Teen program
- Further planning of 2007 Great Santa Run w/Opportunity Village
- Meeting of Las Vegas traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for returning members of Nevada National Guard
- P.A.C.E. Yourself teen driving program / partners meeting
- Participate in IR15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Meeting for Southern Nevada Government Job Fair
- Clark County Traffic Engineers meeting
- 2007 Baldy Bash benefiting Nevada PEP
- Special Olympics Nevada // Tip a Cop at Applebee's
- BEST Coalition meeting
- Goshin Coalition meeting
- Presenter at UNLV Safe Community Partnership Awards

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Child seat check; Safekids and AAA.
4. Attorney General's Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving.
5. Use of Seatbelt Convincer.